

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed November 2, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

Claims 2-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by El Ata. Independent Claims 2 and 12 recite in general an ability to generate a plan for implementation and deployment of future information technology among manageable entities of a business pursuant to various components of an overall architecture in response to how the manageable entities relate and to existing information technology. By contrast, the El Ata application makes no mention of information technology implementation and deployment let alone a plan for such future implementation and deployment as provided by the claimed invention. The portions of the El Ata application identified by the Examiner are related to the performance of a specific task, such as the disclosed processing of payments in a financial institution. This 'business process design' merely provides requirements for a pre-defined task and does not generate any plan let alone a plan for future information technology implementation and deployment. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2-12 are not anticipated by the El Ata application.

CONCLUSION

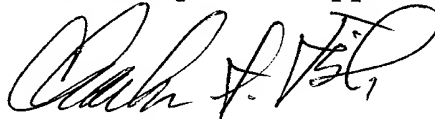
Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments associated with this Application to Deposit Account No. 05-0765 of Electronic Data Systems Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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